

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Smallwood (Starr-Roller House) Inventory Number: BA-449
Address: 14400 Bonnie View Road City: Sparks Zip Code: 21152-9616
County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford
Owner: William Drew Perkins, Jr., and Ellen Greene Perkins Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 133 Tax Map Number: 34 Tax Account ID Number: 2400011997
Project: Walsh Property Floodplain Study Agency: MDE Permit Tracking #200366127/N66158
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ yes ☐ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: BA- 2214

NR-listed district ☒ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☒ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Introduction

Smallwood (Starr-Roller House) was documented in September 1976 on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form (MIHP No. BA-449) (Black and Wollon 1976a). The property is located within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2214), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in March 1978 (Black and Wollon 1976b). The purpose of this Determination of Eligibility form is to update the 1976 MIHP form and to provide an assessment of the potential of the resource to contribute to the significance of the historic district. A brief reconnaissance survey of Smallwood was conducted on 3 October 2006; interior access was not possible.

Description

A winding driveway leads to the Smallwood property at 14400 Bonnie View Road. The 22-acre property encompasses a ca. 1815 stone dwelling, a nineteenth-century stone mounting block, and three outbuildings

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments: Contributes to BA-2214

Jonathan Bay
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/28/06

Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

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Date

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(Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation 2006). Two outbuildings—a stone quarters and a stone and wood-frame bank barn—appear to be contemporary with the house. The third outbuilding is an early to mid-twentieth century concrete-block shed that shelters an underground stone root cellar, which also may be contemporary with the house.

The dwelling's south elevation is the original façade; however, the driveway approaches the north elevation, which currently appears to function as the principal front (Black and Wollon 1976a:7). The house includes a two-story main block and a one-and-one-half-story side kitchen wing on the west end. Both sections, which are constructed of randomly laid stone and terminate in gable roofs, appear to have been built at the same time (ca. 1815). A one-story, wood-frame, gable-roof section was added to the east elevation of the main block in the mid-twentieth century. The dwelling basically retains the form and materials described in MIHP Form BA-449 prepared in 1976 (Black and Wollon 1976a).

The two-story, three-bay main block has a central hall floor plan. Entrances are located in the middle bay of the north and south elevations. Windows appear to be wood-frame, six-over-six-light units; first-story windows on the north elevation are taller than the other windows. At the time of the 1976 documentation, windows had louvered blinds; these blinds are no longer present (Black and Wollon 1976a:7-1). A wide wood cornice is located along the north and south elevations; eaves have gable returns. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at each gable end.

The one-and-one-half-story, side kitchen wing on the west end of the main block appears to contain wood-frame, six-over-six-light windows on the first story and wood-frame, four-light casement windows on the upper half story. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney rises on the gable end.

The mid-twentieth century, one-story, wood-frame addition on the east elevation of the dwelling's main block rests on a concrete-block foundation. Exterior walls are clad with wood siding. Two six-over-six-light windows are located on the south elevation; paired six-light windows illuminate the north elevation. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

Mounting Block

A nineteenth-century stone mounting block is located east of the wood-frame addition. The mounting block is described in MIHP Form BA-449 as "consisting of two single-stone steps leading to a large single stone top platform, supported by rubble stone" (Black and Wollon 1976a:7-3).

Outbuildings

A stone quarters is located northwest of the dwelling. The one-and-one-half, two-bay building may have been constructed when the house was built (ca. 1815). The gable roof has partially collapsed. Most windows and doors are missing; at least one wood-frame, six-over-six-light window survives.

A one-story, concrete-block, square shed with a pyramidal roof is located east of the quarters. The early to mid-twentieth century shed was built into a bank in front of the dwelling. The north elevation of the shed has a centrally located wood door with strap hinges. According to the MIHP form prepared in 1976, this building provides access to an underground root cellar. This stone, barrel-vaulted storage structure measures approximately 7 x 13 feet and descends twelve steps below grade (Black and Wollon 1976a:7-3). The root cellar may have been constructed when the house was built (ca. 1815).

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A stone and wood-frame bank barn is located northwest of the dwelling, quarters, and shed. The barn may have been constructed when the house was built (ca. 1815). The barn terminates in a gable roof sheathed in metal. The wood-frame east elevation of the barn, which is clad with vertical boards, is built on a bank. The gable roof extends asymmetrically over a wood-frame projecting forebay, also clad with vertical boards, constructed on the west elevation. The south gable wall of the barn is stone and contains a ventilation opening in the gable and several smaller ventilation openings below. The 1976 MIHP form reported that the north gable wall originally was constructed of stone but had been replaced by a wood-frame wall (Black and Wollon 1976a:7-4). At the time of the 1976 documentation, the lower level of the barn contained livestock stalls accessed from under the projecting forebay.

History

Settlement within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District began in the eighteenth century. The region was primarily agricultural and rich in limestone, a resource used for both fertilizer and construction. The area historically contained many saw and grist mills to aid the local farmers. Small villages and hamlets, many of which no longer survive, sprang up at various crossroads within the region. At the time of the 1976 National Register nomination, many descendants of the original settlers continued to reside within the district on the land farmed by their ancestors. Numerous early nineteenth-century dwellings currently survive (Black and Wollon 1976b).

Research previously conducted on the Smallwood property is documented in MIHP Form BA-449 (Black and Wollon 1976a). Smallwood's land originally was surveyed in 1727; the patent was issued to Joshua Hall in 1771. The dwelling probably was built ca. 1815 by Edward Hall, who inherited the property from his father, Joshua Hall. The Hall family retained the property until 1878 (Black and Wollon 1976a:8).

Evaluation

Smallwood is located within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2214), which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District is the eastern extension of the Worthington Valley Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2215), also listed in the National Register. The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District is a large, rural historic district encompassing 9,975 acres; the district is significant for its association with agriculture in Baltimore County applying National Register Criterion A and for architecture applying National Register Criterion C. The period of significance discussed in the National Register nomination form was unspecified; however, the nomination form emphasized built resources constructed during the late-eighteenth century and the first half of the nineteenth century (Black and Wollon 1976b). As documented in MIHP No. BA-2214:

“Historically, this district has always been an agricultural area. From the earliest times, it was recognized for the large and prosperous farms which produced crops of corn and grass, cattle and sheep” (Black and Wollon 1976b:8-11).

The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District contains a collection of farmsteads, houses, and agricultural outbuildings that exhibit the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction applying National Register Criterion C, with particular emphasis on buildings constructed between the late-eighteenth century through ca. 1850. According to MIHP No. BA-2214:

“Structures in this district have always been traditional in form and detail, little affected by current style or taste. The abundant stone is the typical building material, recognized and appreciated for its permanence, obviously a most important detail to early builders. The absence of important late nineteenth-century

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houses indicates the early prosperity which the area enjoyed, the conservative taste of its inhabitants and the degree of permanence which earlier builders incorporated into their structures" (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-1).

The Smallwood property is a representative example of the type, period, and method of construction of buildings constructed during the first half of the nineteenth century in the district; references to the house, bank barn, quarters, root cellar, and mounting block were made in the 1976 Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District nomination form (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-2, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9). Constructed of stone, the ca. 1815 Smallwood house has a traditional center hall plan with a kitchen wing. The center hall plan and kitchen wing was a prevalent building form during the early-nineteenth century as the region was settled (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-3). Applying National Register Criterion C, Smallwood (MIHP No. BA-449) possesses the qualities of significance and integrity necessary to be a contributing resource to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The ca. 1815 stone and wood-frame bank barn on the Smallwood property appears to have been unaltered since the 1976 documentation (Black and Wollon 1976a). During the early nineteenth century, stone often was used in the construction of bank barns in the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District; the barns generally had projecting forebays and livestock stalls on the lower level (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-7). The Smallwood bank barn is typical of those constructed in the region. The gable walls of the Smallwood bank barn originally were constructed of stone; however, the north gable wall has been replaced with a wood-frame wall. The barn has a projecting forebay; in 1976, the lower level of the barn was documented as containing livestock stalls accessed from under the forebay (Black and Wollon 1976a:7-4). Applying National Register Criterion C, the Smallwood bank barn possesses the qualities of significance and integrity necessary to be a contributing resource to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. The bank barn retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association. Although the north stone gable wall has been replaced, integrity of materials has been compromised only minimally.

The remaining outbuildings and structures (mounting block, quarters, and sheltered root cellar) were discussed as noteworthy resources in the 1976 Smallwood MIHP form and in the 1976 National Register nomination form for the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District (Black and Wollon 1976a, 1976b). These buildings and structures appear to have been unaltered since the 1976 documentation. Applying National Register Criterion C, the Smallwood mounting block, quarters, and sheltered root cellar possess the qualities of significance and integrity necessary to be contributing resources to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. These buildings and structures retain integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association.

References Cited

Black, Catherine F., and James T. Wollon, Jr.

- 1976a Smallwood (Starr-Roller House). Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form BA-449. On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.
- 1976b Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form/Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties No. BA-2214. On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

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2006 Real Property Data, Baltimore County.

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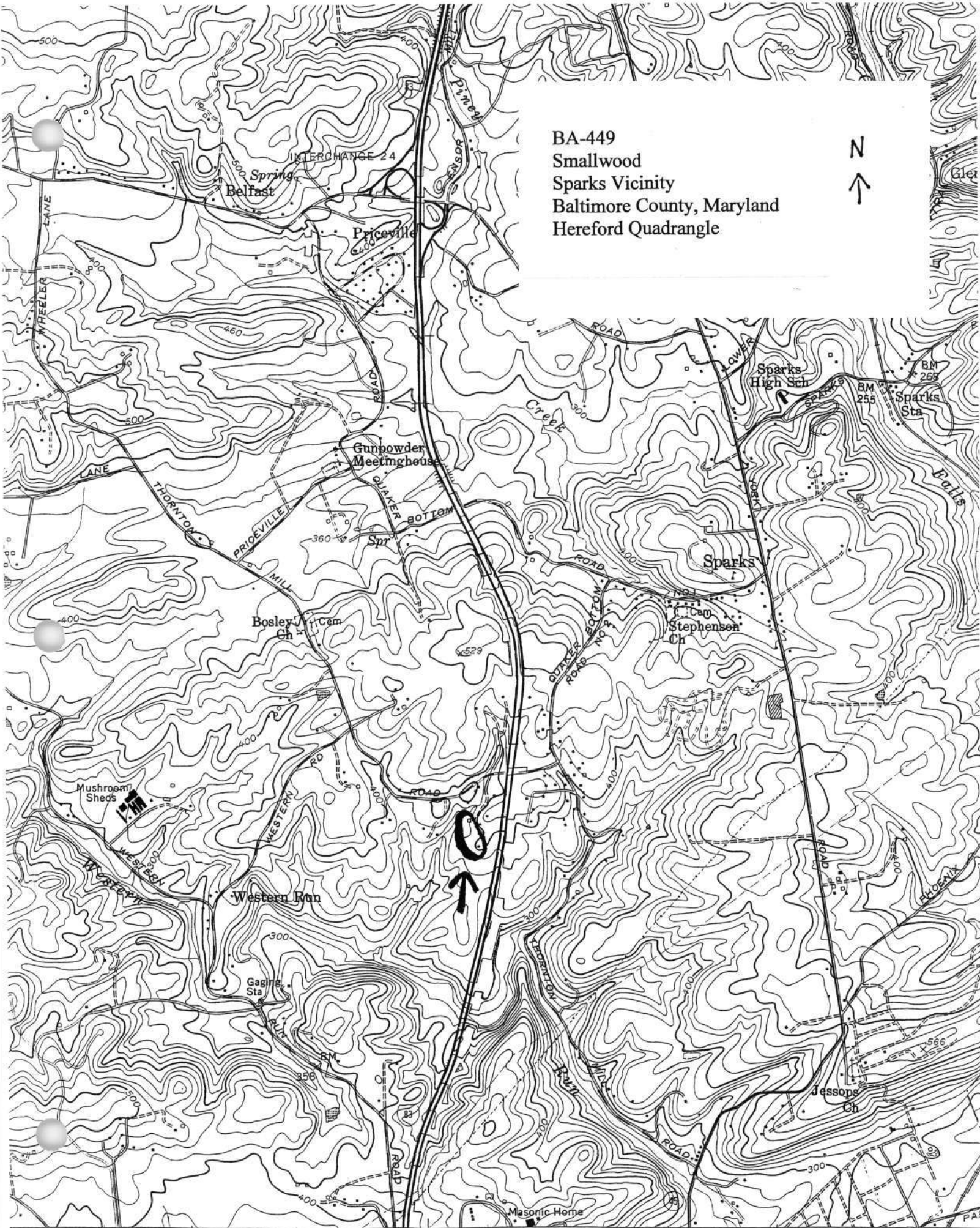
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Date Prepared: October 2006

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 Smallwood
 Sparks Vicinity
 Baltimore County, Maryland
 Hereford Quadrangle



(COCKEYSVILLE)
 5662 1 NW

BALTIMORE BELTWAY 6.6 MI.
 BALTIMORE (CITY HALL) 17 MI.

SCALE 1:24000

COCKEYSVILLE 1.3 MI.
 TOWSON (COURTHOUSE) 7.4 MI.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA

COCKEYSVILLE



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Smallwood

Baltimore Co, MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg. 1, MD SHPO

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Baltimore Co, MD

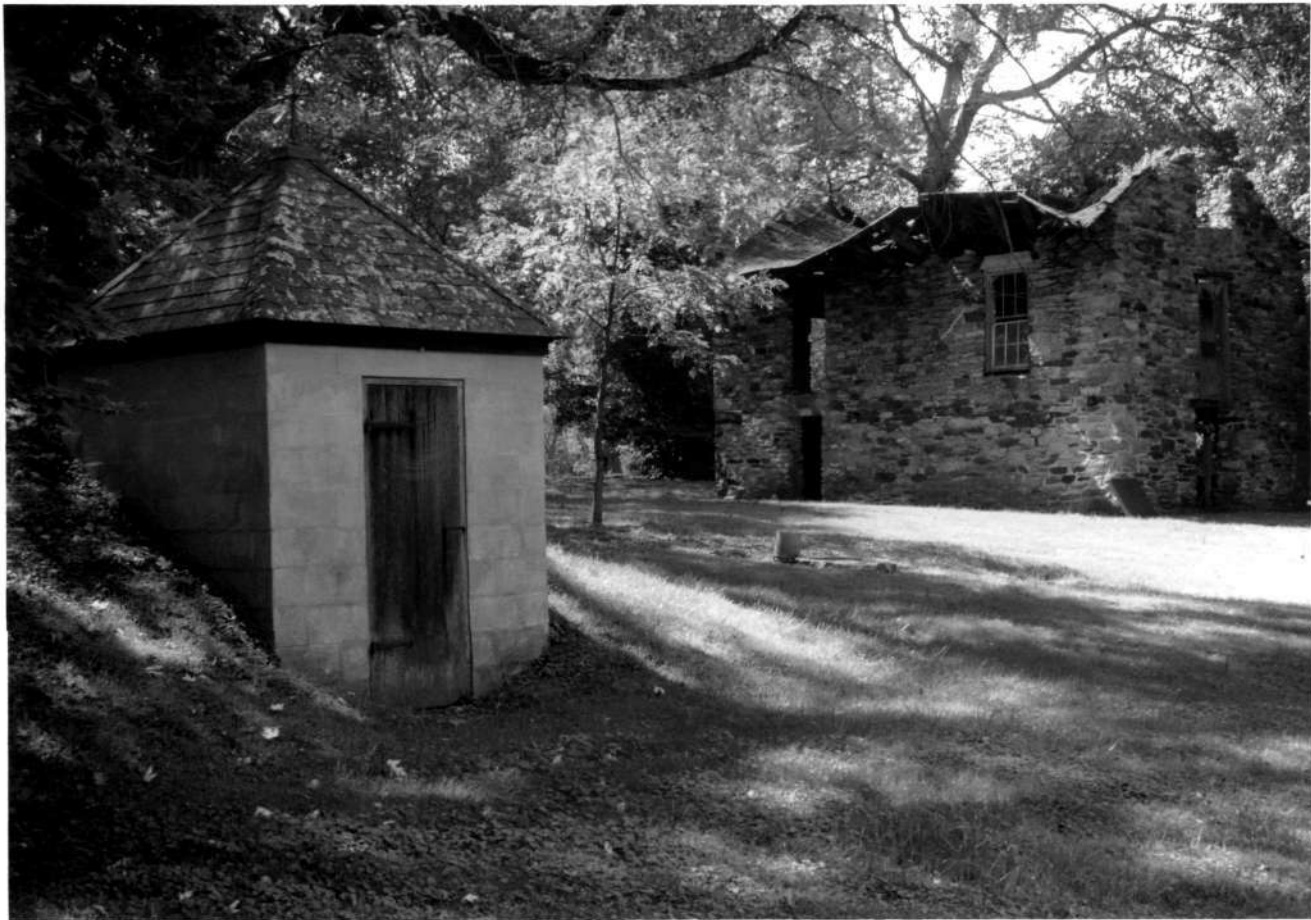
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October 2006

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Smallwood

Baltimore Co., MD

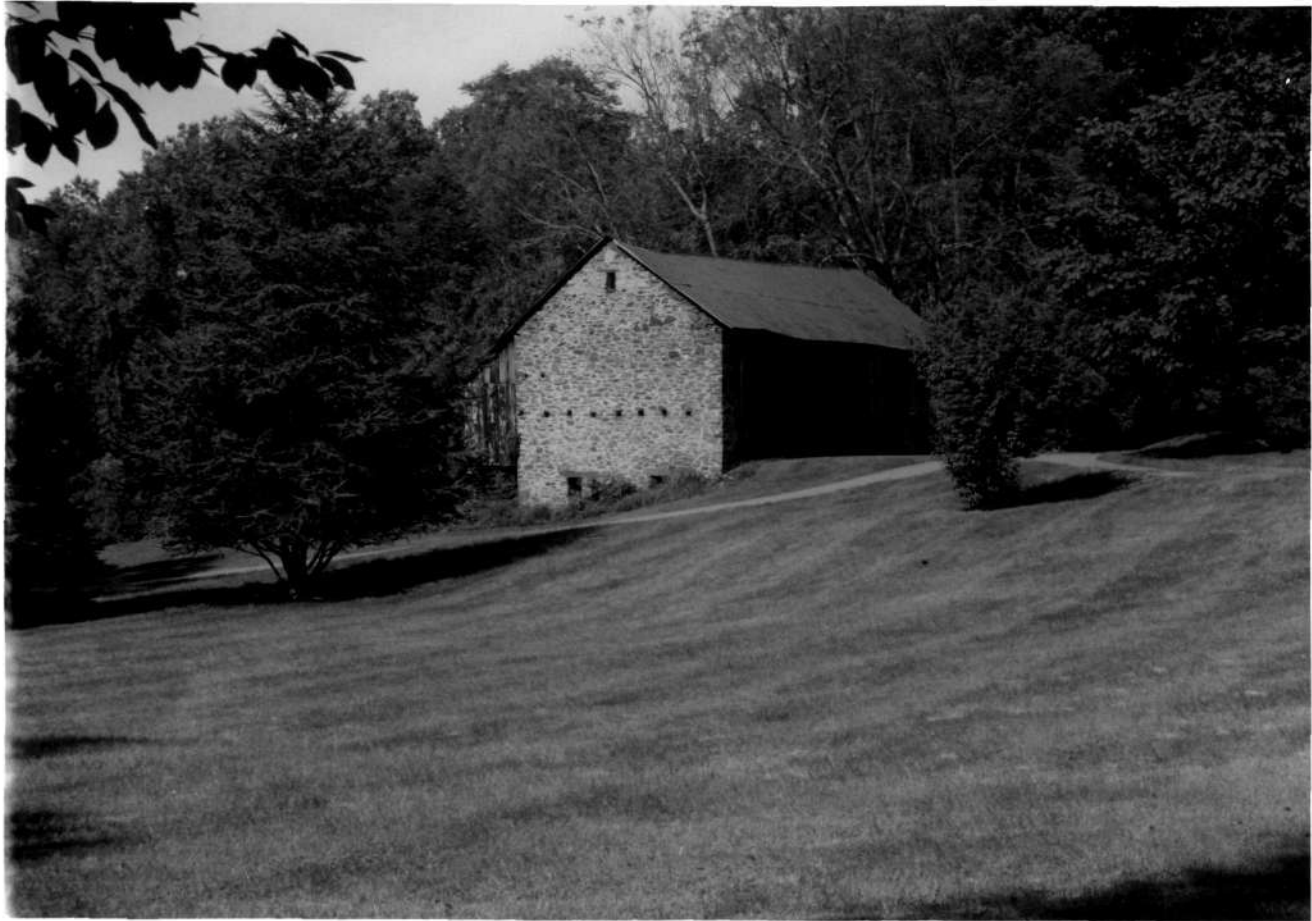
RCG+A, Inc.

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Neg.: MD SHPO

Sheltered root cellar + Quarters - NE corners

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Smallwood

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Neg.: MD SHPO

Barn - SE corner

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Smallwood
South side of Thornton Mill Rd.
near I-83
Not accessible
1810-20

Smallwood was probably built by Edward Hall on land patented by his father, Joshua, in 1771. This substantial stone dwelling of a prosperous farmer remains with several equally substantial out-buildings, indicative of the many which were once required to support rural life. The unusually large stone quarters and the vaulted underground storage room are noteworthy.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Smallwood

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Thornton Mill Road near I-83

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles V. Roller

Telephone #: 472-2485

STREET & NUMBER

Thornton Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21152

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 1400

Folio #: 118

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-4419

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Smallwood is a two storey rubble stone house, three bays in length with a lower two storey rubble stone wing at its west end expressed as one bay on its north side, two on its south; both sections have gable roofs and a flush brick chimney rises from each of the three gable ends. A one storey, two bay frame wing at the east end dates from the mid-twentieth century. Although the approach to this house is from the north, the south is, architecturally, the principal front.

The west wing traditionally is considered to be the older section of the house due to its smaller scale and more primitive character, but as there is neither a structural joint in the masonry between the two sections, nor quoins marking a former corner, such as are found on all other corners of this house, the two sections appear to be of contemporaneous construction.

The general character of the form and of the original details of this house relate it to Strawberry Hill (q.v.), and a similar construction date may be conjectured, ca. 1810-1820. An extensive superficial renovation occurred in the middle of the nineteenth century.

Entrances to the main house are in the middle bay; straight joints in the masonry at the south entrance and at the window above it suggest those features were slightly west of center originally, but they are virtually centered now. The north entrance and the window above it are still west of center. A secondary entrance was in the easterly bay of the wing's south front; it is now a window. Another secondary

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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SPECIFIC DATES

Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Smallwood, located on the south side of Thornton Mill Road just west of Highway I-83, is on a tract of land which was originally surveyed in 1727. The patent, however, was not issued until 1771, and this substantial stone dwelling with its dependencies was built during the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

Joshua Hall was the patentee of Smallwood. After his death, the property was inherited by his two sons, and it was probably Edward Hall who erected this house. Edward acquired both his own inheritance and that of his brother, William. In addition, he had seventy acres of the property resurveyed in 1801. Thus it would appear that the improvements to the land were made shortly thereafter. Further support for this theory is gained from the Baltimore County tax records which valued the improvements at Smallwood at \$20 in 1813 and \$150 in 1818.

The house and land remained in the Hall family until 1878 when it was purchased by Edward Starr. The present owners acquired the property in 1945.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1813, 1818, 1823, 1833.

Patent for Smallwood: Patent book BC & GS 43, folio 375.

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland.
(Baltimore, 1850).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 66 A more or less

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

DATE

September 1976

TELEPHONE

323-3798

STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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entrance is through the west end wall of the wing, north of the chimney. Windows are 6/6; those of the main house have louvred blinds. The first storey windows of the south front are tall, extending nearly to the floor. Second storey windows of the west wing are small four-light casements, close to the floor. A window of similar size was in the first storey of the wing's north front, near the main house, lighting a former pantry inside; the window has been filled with stone-walling.

The wooden cornice of the main house is wide and it extends up the rakes from bold returns at the eaves. It appears to date from the mid-nineteenth century, as do the double doors with arched panels at the south entrance.

Internally, a hall extends through the middle bay from which the open stair rises to the attic floor; a single room flanks either side of the hall and the west wing is a single room on each floor, although originally a small pantry was partitioned out of the northeast corner of the wing, against the main house.

Most interior detailing in the first storey dates from the mid-nineteenth century alterations, including: the stair with its oval walnut rail supported on massive turned walnut newels and turned balusters and its scrolled step ends; the four-paneled doors, door and window architraves, the paneled splayed window jambs and undoubtedly the window frames and sash. Chair railing is removed. Six-panel doors,

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with panels nearly fully-raised, and an architrave with backband, remain at the doors to the west wing out of the west room of the main house; several similar doors remain in the second storey. The stair railing from the second floor to the third is probably original; its round rail is supported by plain square newels and rectangular balusters. No original mantels remain; one in the first storey east room, consisting of pairs of fluted Tuscan columns supporting a dentil cornice, came from another house; other fireplaces are closed, their mantels removed.

The original kitchen, in the first storey of the west wing, retains its large stone fireplace and a built-in oven to its south with a cast and wrought iron front; a raised-letter inscription on the oval shaped door reads:

JOHN BOUIS.
PATENT . BALTIMORE

North of the chimney, an enclosed winding stair rises to the second storey of the wing. The exposed hewn joists of the kitchen were never plastered, but the former pantry, once a small square room in the northeast corner of the kitchen, had a plastered ceiling.

In the unfinished attic, the original rafters have been reinstalled, mitered at the ridge against a ridge beam. A pediment centered on the south slope has been removed. Unused mortises for collar beams are in evidence, and in their original location, the rafters supported lathe and plaster. Of interest is a long piece of chair rail used as a furring strip on one of the rafters.

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The cellar extends under the main section of the house. Original straight sawn oak joists remain in the first floor structure and the fireplace hearths above are supported on log lintels.

In the south front yard is a mounting block, consisting of two single-stone steps leading to a large single stone top platform, supported by rubble stone.

Northwest of the house is a two storey stone quarters, two bays in length. Its lower storey is slightly below grade, with three entrances: in the south bay of the east side; in the north end, and in the north bay of the west side. The upper storey also has three entrances: in the south end; above the lower east door; and above the north end door. Other openings have, or had, 6/6 windows. Most wooden elements are missing and the building is approaching a ruinous state. The interior was plastered on the stone, and window jambs were splayed. Log joists support the upper floor, and there were partitions dividing the interior into about two rooms on each floor. No interior stair is in evidence, and the number of exterior doors may indicate that each room was an individual family's quarters, each with a private entrance.

North of the house is an underground, stone barrel-vaulted storage structure, the interior dimensions of which are approximately 7 by 13 feet. Its floor is twelve steps below grade; the sloping ceiling above the stone staircase, which descends from a concrete block, pyramidal-roofed shelter built into the hillside beneath the dwelling house, is

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of large, rough stone slabs. From each side of the vaulted chamber, flues rise to grade, capped with ornamental terra-cotta chimney pots.

A large carved stone drip or splash block was immediately in front of the underground room's entrance. It may have been placed there to receive water used in washing root vegetables stored below, but more likely, it was placed there as a step, having been under the nearby well pump originally.

A large stone and frame bank barn stands some distance north of the dwelling. Its stone north end was torn down many years ago, and replaced by a frame wall. The entrance to the loft storey is through the framed east wall, and that storey extends beyond the lower west wall in framed construction, supported on round, rubble stone columns. The extended loft shelters the stone wall of the ground storey, with its several doors and windows opening into the former stalls. Most of the hewn timber frame, joined with mortise and tenon, remains in place.